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[1](#)B. SEOUL 2355

[1](#)1. (U) Poloff met with Ahreum Cho of the Security and Counter-Terrorism Cooperation Division within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT) on December 12. Cho welcomed the information in reftel A, and will pass on the information to her director and to MOFAT representatives in the United States. Cho believed that the ROKG would give a positive response, especially as the ROKG's position is similar as that in reftel A. Cho noted, however, that the ROKG prefers that the land-based, anti-piracy efforts focus on capacity building as outlined in reftel B.  
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